

# BIG EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE ENDS

Presidents Alderman  
and Mitchell Deliver  
Strong Addresses.

Messrs. Gore and Byrd Did Not  
Make Expected Speeches,  
University Leaders Discuss  
Great Modern Tendency  
to Co-Operation in  
Educational Work.

## Alderman Sounds Keynote

I hope to see assembled here on year hence representatives of every agency working for the good of the State to organize an association for the public welfare of Virginia.—  
Dr. Alderman.

You stand at the threshold of life, annex yourselves to some great cause, to some great idea.—Dr. Alderman.

Some one has said that the country has suffered more through the lack of men of ideas than through the lack of men of action. I don't think straight (thin) through moral education, I leave that thought with you of I expect no one except to any that I agree with.—  
Dr. Mitchell.

Dr. Alderman has voiced the keynote of this conference—co-operation.—Superintendent Eggleston.

**W**ITH the original program for the

W closing session of the Virginia Educational Conference upon the failure of Senator Gore to appear, and by the unavoidable absence of Speaker Ryd, that body thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, nevertheless spending a most delightful evening listening to excellent extempore speeches by President Edwin A. Alderman.

by President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and by President S. C. Mitchell, of the University of South Carolina.

None of the educational leaders could explain the non-appearance of the blind Senator from Oklahoma. It had been expected that he would notify the committee by wire as to the train

on which he would arrive, but no message came. Inquiry at all the hotels revealed no news as to the missing statesman. The opening of the big meeting at the High School auditorium was delayed in the vain hope that he might appear at the eleventh hour.

ent. It had become necessary for the committee to change the original date for his address, but in the meantime he had made his business arrangements in accordance with the first-named date, and yesterday morning he was called from the city on important private affairs.

With the Auditorium crowded with the largest audience of the conference and no speakers in sight, the members of the committee were at their wits' end. Dr. Alderman was on hand, but he had expected to speak for only five minutes, as he was to have presided. It was realized that it was unjust to expect him to deliver an address under the circumstances. However, rather than disappoint the audience, he

Dr. Mitchell, two men whom a Richmond crowd is always ready and anxious to hear, kindly yielded to the imploring requests of the committee and agreed to occupy the time.

**Dr. Alderman Presented.**

The meeting was called to order by J. N. Sebrell, Sr., chairman of the Association of School Trustees, under the auspices of which organization the

The distinguished president of the State's leading institution of learning congratulated the conference upon its successful and inspiring meeting which he said demonstrated the

growth of the spirit of co-operation. He then praised the magnificent building in which it was held, saying that he hoped there would pass through its doors an unending procession of youth with hope burning in their hearts and ambitions teeming in their minds to well and faithfully serve the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"I recall to-night," said Dr. Alder,

man," a similar meeting held in this city four years ago. And to-night measure the progress that has been made in that time as with a yardstick. These have been fruitful years, years full of great strife and of great achievement.

"If it is in good taste to-night to single out two protagonists of this great and successful movement for popular education, I would name as one of our

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. D. Eggleston, Jr. The State has been fortunate to find a man like him for the position. He has youth, courage, ambition, dignity, vision and high purpose to serve the people of the State.

"For the other I would name our retiring Governor, who has put every ounce of his energy, his good sense

his patriotic purpose, into this movement. He has enrolled his name rightly in the roll of those Governors who have served the Commonwealth well and truly.

**Governor's Speech.**

"Some time ago this man made a speech. It was just a political speech made in the interest of a party. In that speech he said:

"No party is deserving of the suffrage of the people which does not possess an intense friendship for public education and does not extend to it generous support. Every interest of the State is deeply affected by education, and depends upon it for future progress and development. The people who are to be paramount in the future history of the world are those who are

well and wisely educated. An expenditure of public money brings greater returns in every direction than that given for education. A person or party that is parsimonious towards education should be driven from power."

"Thomas Jefferson has been praised for his Declaration of Independence and that document which is a rebuke and a stumbling block forever to tyranny and oppression. I am glad now that

and oppression. I think the Governor of Virginia has uttered that sentence which I have quoted. If to Virginia should come some day the lean years—which God forbid—this sentiment uttered by Claude A. Swanson may well be remembered and produced to inspire and to hearten the people of the State.

**The South's Program.**  
"Following the war the States of the